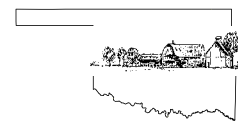




OKLAHOMA CROP-WEATHER

October 18, 2004



Vol. 27, No. 36

ISSN-0194-4770)

Issued weekly March - Nov.,
monthly Jan. and Feb., no issue
in December, by the

Oklahoma Agricultural Statistics, P.O. Box 528804

Oklahoma City, OK 73152

Phone (405) 522-6190

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/weather/cpcurr/ok-crop-weather>

A combined contribution with
-Cooperative Extension Service
-USDA Farm Service Agency
-The Oklahoma Mesonet

Additional Rainfall Slowed Field Work

October 17 - - All districts received additional rain last week. Combined with rain from the previous week, it limited days suitable for field work to 3.4 days. However, every district except the Panhandle was still below normal precipitation for the fall season. The rain did have a positive impact on soil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture was 11 percent surplus, 82 percent adequate, 6 percent short, and 1 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 3 percent surplus, 71 percent adequate, 22 percent short, and 4 percent very short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 1 | 6 | 82 | 11 |
| Last Week | 5 | 20 | 62 | 13 |
| Last Year | 10 | 27 | 57 | 6 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 4 | 22 | 71 | 3 |
| Last Week | 11 | 25 | 60 | 4 |
| Last Year | 15 | 32 | 49 | 4 |

Small Grains: Muddy fields and additional rainfall limited planting of small grains. However, the rain prompted a rapid emergence of the small grains and wheat emergence increased 19 points to 68 percent. Wheat planted increased only 3 points to 81 percent. Ninety-five percent of the rye was planted and emergence jumped 17 points to 87 percent. Oat progress on seedbed preparation and planting was below last year and the five-year average at 81 and 36 percent, respectively. Thirty-two percent of the oats emerged. Wheat, rye and oats were all in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Wheat | 0 | 2 | 23 | 58 | 17 |
| Rye | 0 | 2 | 16 | 79 | 3 |
| Oats | 0 | 4 | 29 | 62 | 5 |

Row Crops: Wet fields kept producers out of the summer crop fields as well so, while there was some progress in growth there was little progress in harvest activities. All row crops were in good to fair condition. Progress for most of the row crops lagged behind the five-year average. Corn harvest was nearing completion with 91 percent harvested. Sorghum progress was limited last week with coloring increasing 2 points.

Sorghum reaching maturity and harvest each only increased 1 point to 61 and 44 percent, respectively. Soybeans reaching maturity progressed 7 points to 76 percent and 53 percent of the crop was harvested. Peanuts dug jumped 20 points to 43 percent and 20 percent of the peanuts had been combined. Cotton harvest increased 2 points to 22 percent harvested.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Soybeans | 0 | 2 | 23 | 63 | 12 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 4 | 20 | 65 | 11 |
| Cotton | 2 | 2 | 41 | 47 | 8 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 1 | 33 | 52 | 14 |

Hay: Both alfalfa and all other hay remained in good to fair condition. With the cooler weather and the rain, hay cutting, which had already slowed down for the year, increased only slightly. Hay supplies were average.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 3 | 5 | 24 | 56 | 12 |
| Other Hay | 2 | 7 | 21 | 59 | 11 |

Pasture and Range: Pastures were rated in mostly good to fair condition. The rain that has been received over the last two weeks should have a beneficial impact on pastures.

Livestock: Cattle were rated in very good condition. Producers were buying stocker cattle for wheat grazing but the high prices are limiting some producers. Feeder steer and heifer prices changed very little from last week. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds went up one dollar to \$116.33 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds went down slightly to \$108.94 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 0 | 1 | 12 | 66 | 21 |
| Pasture & Range | 2 | 10 | 31 | 48 | 9 |

Oklahoma Crop-Weather Summary
P.O. Box 528804
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Periodicals Postage
Paid at
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
And Additional Mailing Offices

TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. | Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Wheat - | | | | | Soybeans - | | | | |
| Planted | 81 | 78 | 84 | 78 | Mature | 76 | 69 | 81 | 85 |
| Emerged | 68 | 49 | 70 | 54 | Harvested | 53 | 47 | 49 | 58 |
| Oats - | | | | | Peanuts - | | | | |
| Seedbed Prepared | 81 | 79 | 85 | 88 | Mature | 93 | 86 | 94 | 88 |
| Planted | 36 | 30 | 50 | 46 | Dug | 43 | 23 | 41 | 51 |
| Emerged | 32 | 22 | 36 | 27 | Combined | 20 | 11 | 23 | 34 |
| Rye | | | | | Cotton - | | | | |
| Planted | 95 | 92 | 95 | 84 | Bolls Opening | 91 | 87 | 96 | 95 |
| Emerged | 87 | 70 | 84 | 66 | Harvested | 22 | 20 | 21 | 34 |
| Corn - | | | | | Alfalfa - | | | | |
| Harvested | 91 | 85 | 83 | 92 | 5 th Cutting | 82 | 78 | 52 | 47 |
| Sorghum - | | | | | 6 th Cutting | 28 | 19 | 1 | N/A |
| Coloring | 94 | 92 | 96 | 97 | Other Hay - | | | | |
| Mature | 61 | 60 | 84 | 88 | 2 nd Cutting | 95 | 93 | 88 | 83 |
| Harvested | 44 | 43 | 51 | 59 | | | | | |

Weather for Week Ending October 17, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 29 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, October 14th, to 86 degrees at Tipton on Friday, October 15th. Precipitation averaged 0.19 inches in Southwest district to 1.23 inches in Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 49 degrees at Hooker and Marena on Thursday, October 14th, to 70 degrees at Idabel on Monday, October 11th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 17, 2004

| Districts | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|----|----|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | High Low Average | | | This Week | September 1, 2004 to October 17, 2004 | | |
| | | | | | Total | Departure from Normal | Percent of Normal |
| | Degrees | | | Inches | | | |
| Panhandle | 66 | 41 | 53 | 0.54 | 3.48 | +0.77 | 128 |
| West Central | 68 | 45 | 55 | 0.35 | 4.22 | -0.22 | 95 |
| Southwest | 71 | 47 | 58 | 0.19 | 4.39 | - 0.63 | 87 |
| North Central | 66 | 44 | 54 | 0.91 | 3.94 | - 0.65 | 86 |
| Central | 69 | 45 | 57 | 0.31 | 4.52 | - 1.59 | 74 |
| South Central | 73 | 48 | 60 | 0.44 | 6.00 | - 0.67 | 90 |
| Northeast | 66 | 44 | 55 | 1.23 | 4.05 | - 2.72 | 60 |
| East Central | 68 | 45 | 57 | 0.70 | 4.70 | - 2.61 | 64 |
| Southeast | 72 | 46 | 59 | 0.37 | 5.65 | - 1.64 | 77 |